



LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS' GOLF TEAM

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TALKING SENIORS' GOLF: APRIL 2022

The Newsletter of Lancashire Super Seniors

KEITH GARDNER TROPHY; LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS 2022 PRE-SEASON DAY; Stand GC; Thursday 21st April:

An excellent entry of 38 saw our 2022 season off to a flying start with Ken Stafford (Manchester GC) and Andrew Charnock (St Annes' Old Links GC) winning the Keith Gardner Trophy with their 42 Stableford points.

There was a palpable air of enjoyment as squad members old and new rubbed shoulders, shaking off the recent winter, each and every one full of anticipation for the coming season.



Jeff Clements, David Lomax, David Shepherd and Ian Bond ready to tee-off

On a day of unremitting sunshine, several pairs threatened to top the winning score, only to fall short. Team Captain Clive and host club member, Jeff Clements, worked hard to pull the day together, coping with some last-minute withdrawals for understandable reasons and were rewarded by a grateful field at the evening prize presentation. The two tee start helped telescope the day and thanks were expressed to the greens, catering, office and bar staff.



Ken Stafford and Andrew Charnock proudly hold the Keith Gardner Trophy

- 1st Andrew Charnock & Ken Stafford - 42pts: Share the trophy for twelve months**
2nd Stuart Bourne & Steve Melbourne - 40 pts (CPO)
3rd Paul Tebay & Mike Willmore - 40 pts (CPO)
 40pts Archie Crick/Ian Wookey
 39pts Mike Tonge/Rory Callan
 38pts Keith Hick/Malcolme Evans
 38pts Colin Jones/Chris Miller
 38pts Kevan Marden/Andrew Walmsley
 38pts Clive Appleby/Keith Dingley
 38pts Alan Williams/Allan Harrison
 37pts David Shepherd/Ian Bond
 37pts John Howard/Alan Swift
 36pts Andy Tiso/Kevin Eyre
 35pts Mike Hornby/Swamy Narayana
 35pts Mal Morton/Colin Crumlin
 35pts Clive Hastie/Paul Woods
 33pts Paul Thomas/Paul Bennett
 31pts Jeff Clements/David Lomax
 30pts Chris Rogers/Mike Spencer
 Nearest Pin (13th) Andy Tiso

Fittingly, Ken and Manchester GC colleague, Ian Cunningham, helped source the trophy.



The day's prize winners join Jeff and Clive at the evening prize presentation

2022 LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS MATCHES & EVENTS:

Match No	Date	Match	Venue	Match Manager
1	21 st April	Pre-season get-together	Stand GC	JVC
2	9 th May	Heysham Seniors	Heysham GC	JVC
3	16 th May	SDGA Seniors	Denton GC	KCH
4	24 th May	Formby Hall Captain's Team*	Formby Hall G&CC	KCH
5	30 th May	LSS Palatine Trophy	Hart Common GC	KCH
6	16 th June	Davyhulme Park Seniors	Davyhulme Park GC	KCH
7	27 th June	NWMGA	Bury GC	JH
8	4 th July	Cumbria Super Seniors*	Lancaster	JH
9	15 th July	Bentham GC Seniors	Bentham GC	KCH
10	21 st July	Isle of Man Super Seniors* (Irish Sea Golf Challenge Match)	Heysham GC	JH/RC
11	25 th July	South Lancs GA seniors*	Ashton in Makerfield GC	JVC
12	2 nd August	Formby Seniors	Formby Golf GC	KCH
13	23 rd August	Denton GC Seniors	Denton GC	JVC
14	28 th August	Fairhaven GC Seniors*	Fairhaven GC	CA
15	5 th Sept	Bolton GA Seniors*	TBC	JH
16	13 th Sept	Silverdale Seniors	Silverdale GC	JVC
17	19 th Sept	Clitheroe GC Seniors	Clitheroe GC	JVC
18	3 rd October	End of Season Competition	Dunscar GC	KCH

* Scratch match

Qualifying criteria & playing format:

- Age 55 and over on 1st January 2022
- Handicap index: Notional handicap index up to 12
- 18 holes scratch or handicap match play; 12-a-side

SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022:

ENGLISH SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP: 9th-13th May – The Leicestershire
 LANCASHIRE COUNTY SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP: 8th-9th June – Chorley GC
 EGU NORTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS' CH'SHIP: 19th-20th July – Ponteland, Northumberland
 BRITISH SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP: 5th-8th July – Royal Dornoch
 NORTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS QUALIFIER: 5th September – Pleasington GC

SENIORS' OPENS 2022:

John Glover Seniors Open 6th July – Morecambe GC
 Rut Niblick Seniors Open 27th June – Pleasington GC
 Sir Michael Bonallack Seniors Open 13th July – Clitheroe GC
 Manchester Seniors Open Trophy 2nd August – Manchester GCTBC
 David Marsh Seniors Open S&A GC 1st-2nd Septmebr – S&A GCTBC

LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS V HEYSHAM SENIORS MONDAY 9TH MAY:

David Lomax: Match Captain	Flixton GC 07929 640211
Alan Swift	Hesketh GC 07933 599509
Dave Harrison	Hesketh GC 07876 429892
Keith Hick: Team Secretary	Hesketh GC 07767 383820
Peter Darlington	Southport & Ainsdale GC 07855 355910
Jeff Clements	Stand GC 07931 347246
Malcolm Evans	Ashton-in-Makerfield GC 07958 955214
Kevin Eyre	Haydock Park GC 07725 576974
David Hodge	Hesketh GC 07932 871991
Vince Sarsfield	Pleasington GC 07831 141411
Paul Kelly	Formby GC 07841 696738
Clive Hastie	Dunscar GC 07889 169052

DON'T' FORGET YOU MUST CONFIRM YOUR AVAILABILITY TO THE MATCH CAPTAIN AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO MATCH IT IS THE RESPONSIBILTY OF SELECTED PLAYERS TO PROVIDE A SUBSTITUTE IF UNAVAILABLE TO PLAY.

TRIBUTES:

This month we pay tribute to the following Lancashire County Seniors/Lancashire Super Seniors friends and playing colleagues – to their respective families, we send our sincerest condolences:

- **RUSSELL HAMER: Royal Lytham & St Annes' GC; County Seniors President**
- **ALBERT WOODTLI: Davyhulme Park GC; County Seniors founding player**
- **CLIVE WILSON: Hesketh GC**

RUSSELL HAMER; Tribute by John Holt, Past Captain, Clitheroe GC:



Seen here at Clitheroe GC in June 2018, Russell was invited by Clitheroe GC Captain, John Holt, to attend his Captain's Day

Russell was originally from Hyde near Manchester. He played water polo at a high standard just missing out on an Olympic trial.

Before Royal Lytham he had been a member at Denton G.C. and Romiley G.C.

He played in the Ping Amateur championship in Phoenix and knew Karsten Solhiem.

When he first joined RLSA he played for Lancashire Seniors still off a handicap of two.

He did collect books and had a significant collection in his home. He also “gathered” rather than collected classic clubs and a few nice hickories, all as a member of the British Golf Club Collectors' Society..

He was still quite well in 2015 at the last Walker Cup played at RLSA. some of our members there at the time will remember his hospitality. He lived directly opposite the entrance to RLSA in the house that was the original Dormy.

It was an Arts and Craft house built in 1896 which he restored with great attention to detail drawing on his professional experience as the owner of a chain of builders merchants.

On his first visit to Hoylake for Presidents Day he with his partner Bob Fletcher won the John Behrend Shield.

...and from Keith Hick:

A golfing enthusiast in every sense of the word, I had the pleasure of regularly playing with Russell, sharing his passion for golf history, golf books and memorabilia associated with the game. We also shared a not dissimilar background – Russell knew Leonard Miller Fairclough, son of Leonard Fairclough, founder in 1883 of the company bearing his name. I managed part of Amec plc, which grew out of Fairclough and became the company archivist and historian following my

retirement. Russell's chain of builder's merchants supplied the Fairclough businesses over many years. As President of Lancashire County Seniors, Russell was an active and enthusiastic player and figurehead to the County Seniors, rightly being held in high regard. With the advent of LSS in 2014/15, Russell took great interest in this 'offshoot', often attending LSS matches and events and became a true friend and supporter of the Super Seniors movement. Lancashire Senior and Super Senior golfers *per se* owe Russell Hamer a debt of gratitude.

Ian Woolley, LUGC Past President and long time playing colleague of Russell, adds:

Russel was a real enthusiast in everything he did.
He was a great companion on the golf course.
He loved his super cars and kept them in immaculate condition.
We shall all remember Russell with affection.

ALBERT WOODTLI: Tribute by DPGC Seniors Organiser Don Connor:

Albert was born in 1929 in Nicaragua to a Swiss father, hence the slightly unusual surname, the family moved to England due to a severe earthquake when he was 3 years old with his sister who was not yet one, they travelled via New York and then on to the UK on the Queen Elizabeth. Albert's parents had 2 more daughters born in the UK while living in the Urmston area. While in the Army during National service Albert represented them as a Tennis Player in Egypt, and continued to play Tennis in the Urmston area for a good while after. Albert Married Joyce and had a daughter Julie.

Albert trained as a draughtsman after National Service and qualified in the early 1950's He worked for Edward Woods in as a design draughtsman, then followed by Redpath Dorman Long in Trafford Park and in Warrington, where he worked on the design of the Brent Alpha Oil Platform and then on to the design of the NEC in Birmingham during the 3 day week crisis. When Redpath Dorman Long were taken over by Trafalgar House he worked for British Steel until his retirement

As Tennis became more difficult Albert started playing Golf and joined Flixton Golf Club in about 1965, playing with Roy Moore, Nick Foy and Geoff Whittle. He became Captain at Flixton GC during his time there, he moved to Davyhulme Park GC in about 1979/80 and remained a member until his recent passing.

Albert represented DPGC in the first team and the Seniors and won many Board competitions over the years, he was a larger than life character who liked his food more than his drink, he was a great supporter of DPGC and could always be seen at the Club.



On home turf, Albert is seen here (centre) at Davyhulme Park GC together with several Lancashire Seniors team mates, all proudly holding the team flag, flown at all matches whenever possible

Keith Hick adds:

Albert was an ever-present whenever we played our County Seniors and then Super Seniors matches at Davyhulme Park GC. Teaming up with club colleagues, Nick Foy and Roy Moore, Albert was a founding member of Dick Berry's ground breaking Lancashire Seniors team in 1982. A Past captain of Ormskirk GC, Dick came to rely upon Albert for his drive and enthusiasm

organising matches and drumming up support for the then brave new world of inter-County senior golf. Viewed as the 'spiritual home' of Lancashire Seniors golf, Davyhulme Park GC, is today a welcoming oasis for all things to do with Lancashire Seniors.

When LSS ran the inaugural Palatine Trophy at Davyhulme Park in 2018, Albert, together with Nick Foy, Senior Club Past Captain, Tom Sharpe and Past LUGC President and County Seniors Secretary, Ian Woolley, were guests of honour, attending the evening dinner and prize presentation.

Keith Gardner and I were fortunate in getting to know Albert well, receiving Albert's County Seniors archive match information binder recording times, people and matches in years gone by. Albert's sunny countenance in welcoming us back to DPGC each year will live long in the memory.

CLIVE WILSON: Tribute by Keith Hick

A popular LSS member, Clive was a talented musician, following in his Dance Band Leader father Dave's footsteps, both as a golfer and in the world of entertainment. A junior member of Southport Old Links GC, where Dave was Captain during the 1960s, Clive won several Lancashire County Squash titles in a life devoted to sport.

Proprietor of a Perspex drum screen business, Clive supplied clients worldwide. Clive's enthusiasm and warm personality won him friends galore and his sunny disposition will be sorely missed by family, friends and golfing pals alike.

A keen member of Hesketh GC's GOLF FMs, Clive's name is now perpetuated on a trophy bearing his name, as seen below.

Golf FMs

Tribute to Clive...



*Clive is pictured first left with **Golf fm** companions Keith Hick, Ian Wookey, Adrian Tear, Tony Broom and Alex Wood on the occasion of Ian's 60th Birthday Golf Day when Clive was, once again, in the 'winners enclosure'.*

The photograph above epitomises Clive as we came to know him over several years playing golf together. The **Golf fms'** is an eclectic group of Hesketh GC members playing on Fridays and Mondays (hence the name). Clive's ability as a golfer was matched by the warmth of his friendship. Enjoying the camaraderie and competition in equal measure, Clive exuded enthusiasm and was fun to play with, whether on the winning side or not – a true Sportsman.



We can pay no greater tribute to Clive's memory than to play for a trophy bearing his name, the Clive Wilson Four Seasons Challenge Trophy.

**SDGA SENIORS V LANCASHIRE SUPER SENIORS: Denton GC; 16th May:
LSS SDGA**

Andrew Charnock & Clive Appleby					Allan Harrison & Paul Rooney
Andy Tiso & Mike Hornby					Peter Darlington & Huw Lewis-Jones
Steve Melbourne & Ken Stafford					Jeff Cummins & Tom Lockwood
Mike Spencer & Alistair Hargreaves					Paul Stanley & Paul Thomas
Mark Holland & Ian Cunningham					Mal Morton & David Shaw
Clive Hastie & David Ash					Archie Crick & Paul Kelly

DENTON GOLF CLUB NON-PLAYING GUESTS:

**Mr Martin Unsworth (Gentlemen's Captain); Mr Terry Pottage (Club President)
&**

**SDGA CHAIRMAN & IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT LUGC: Harry Tunnicliffe
SDGA PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Keith Hick**

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SEASON OPENING MESSAGE FROM LSS TEAM CAPTAIN, CLIVE APPLEBY:

" I would like to take this opportunity to welcome a number of new members to the LSS family, it was good to see a many of you at the season opener at Stand and I shall meet with you all at the various matches this year. We have lost one of our annual games against Morecambe golf club due to their schedule being too full this year but we have replaced it with a match against Fairhaven Golf Club, which will hopefully prove a success and become a regular fixture in our calendar. I wish everyone a healthy and successful 2022 season."

Enjoy your season!

Clive

PALATINE TROPHY: HART COMMON GC; MONDAY 30TH MAY:

The Palatine is a singles event open to all LSS members with the best gross score winning the trophy, there will also be prizes for the best net, runners up and third place as well as a nearest the pin or two's sweep yet to be decided.

List of players entered to date:

Clive Appleby -- David Ash -- Paul Bennett -- Ian Bond -- Stuart Bourne -- Rory Callan -- Andrew Charnock -- Ian Cunningham -- Peter Dobson -- Malcolm Evans -- Allan Harrison -- Clive Hastie --

John Howard -- Steve Melbourne -- Keith Hick -- David Hodge -- Colin Jones -- Paul Kelly -- David Lomax -- Kevan Marden -- Chris Miller -- Terry Pottage -- Vince Sarsfield -- Mike Spencer -- Ken Stafford -- Alan Swift -- Paul Tebay -- Andy Tiso -- Andrew Warmesley -- David Shepherd

Best regards and happy golfing,

Keith Hick
Secretary
29th April 2022

Clive Appleby
Team Captain